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MOBILE RADIO CLUB



THE *Blurb*



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WE GOT IT MADE HAL..
WITH THIS GROUP!



W3AA N3ADI
DIRECTORS

COMEN GET IT...
IF YOU VOTE FOR ME

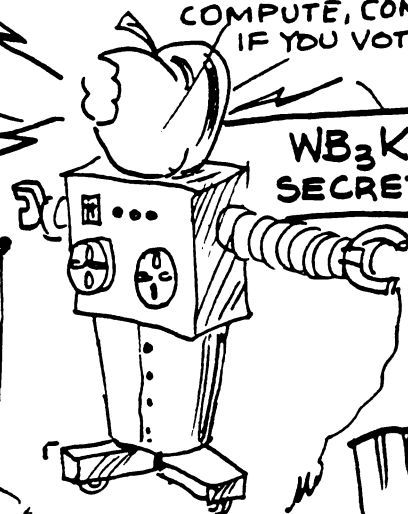


W3IIN
TREASURER



WB3CMM
WB3CMM

BZTT-CLICK-CLICK WE WILL
COMPUTE, COMPUTE ZZT.
IF YOU VOTE CLICK- ME



WB3KOJ
SECRETARY

YEA! AWRIGHT YOU GUYS..
ME 'N' THE BOYS IS TAKIN
OVER, SEE, NOW THAT'S AN
OFFER YA CANT REFUSE, SEE



KB3IV
PRESIDENT

YEA! FISHINS GREAT
HERE AT
THE CAPE



WB3CMM
VICE PRES.

THIS WAY
TO
PHILMONT'S
MEMBERS
OF IMAGINATION

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THE PHIL-MONT MOBILE RADIO CLUB, INC.
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(2nd Monday in Sept. only) at 8:00 p.m. in the
Franklin Institute, 21st & Ben Franklin Pkwy.

ALL VISITORS ARE WELCOME

Club Nets are conducted weekly.

Every Tuesday - 7:30 p.m., 147.63/03, code
practise is conducted, all
are welcome.

No 1

SAM'S CORNER

CHET, WA2YDS, SAID
HIS TWO WHEELER WAS
TOO SLOW TO BRING THE
ELECTION RESULTS IN
FOR PUBLICATION, &
HE DID... WITH COMPLETE
REENACTMENT OF THE
CAMPAIGN ACTION!





The Prez Sez

I want to thank all the club members who took the time to participate in the elections either in person or by submitting their ballot by mail.

Philmont has enjoyed a prestigious place in the community at large and among other clubs throughout the area. As President my goal is to uphold the fine traditions and reputation established by our club. It is my hope to continue our already successful long standing activities and add some new and exciting programs.

Philmont is fortunate to have among its members those whose special talents and varied interests in ham radio can be a valuable resource. Working together and sharing knowledge will strengthen the future of our club.

We are the Philmont Mobile Radio Club and as such we will continue to participate in all aspects of mobile communications. In the coming year we will continue our fine record of public service and hopefully expand our participation in this area.

Today we offer the finest personalized "ON The Air" CW training sessions available to the general public. Under the wonderful direction of AK2i and W3RM, we will continue to train future hams and assist current hams in upgrading their license.

We shall continue to sponsor our annual social activities and plan some new events, as well, for the members enjoyment. We need your input to help plan new and exciting programs and activities. We cannot accomodate your needs and desires if you don't share them with us.

I am looking forward to working with my fellow officers during 1983 and want to take this opportunity to wish all of you a happy and a healthy New Year.

Philmont is the finest organization of its kind and with your help we will uphold its standing in the amateur community.

Right, guys? Right!!



Regards,
Ed KB3IV

Ye Olde Editor received definite instructions, so not wanting to receive the Black Hand or custom fitted cement shoes, he complied. Not one word was touched, NOT ONE WORD!!!

DECEMBER 1982 - GENERAL MEETING

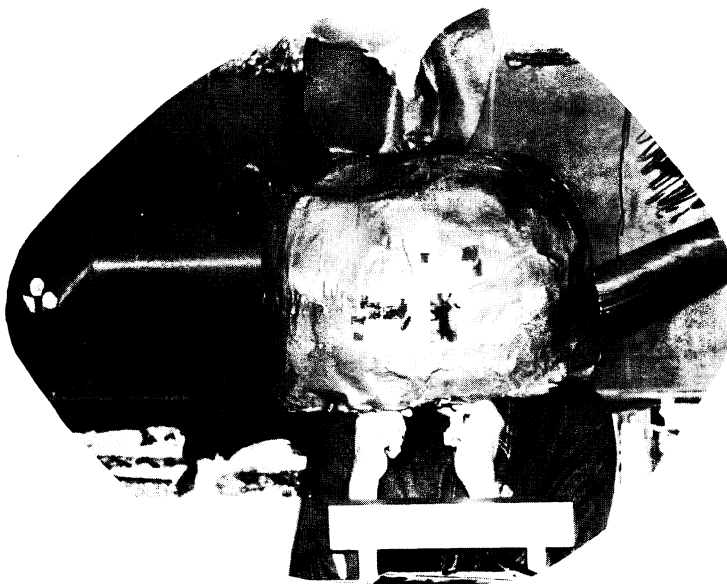
Amid a flourish of last minute electioneering, W3SRU opened the 397th General Meeting at exactly 8 P.M. (Not bad Gil, it only took you 12 months to get one started on time) The minutes of the November Directors' Meeting were read and approved. - KB3IV gave the Treasurer's Report (Get it while you can Ed, it's almost over) - In anticipation of the evening's main event, Committee Reports were none existent. (Translation: Nobody dared to take up the time) - W3VVS (with his usual aplomb and alacrity) indicated that the meeting was attended by 67 members and 11 guests. They were as follows: WB3HJD-Bob Fuessinger, W3JWF-Al Gaskill, W3GC-Jack Williamson, WA3YJR-Marian Fox, Marian Bubeck, Millie Stouth, Sharon Masarsky, Elaine Spencer, Sherrie Gordon, Johanna Pace and Jackie (please get your ticket Jackie, I'm tired of typing your name) Chedeville. - K3KUD presented this year's PHIL-MONTER OF THE YEAR AWARD to W3AWH (believe it or not, John was not on that committee), John gave a very brief acceptance speech. - The meeting was then turned over to W3AWH (DE JUDGE) who introduced each of the four candidates for Director; speeches and presentations were made by each of the nominees for the other offices. (Don't worry about the kiss, Mike and John, HERPES only lasts forever!) Ballots were cast, and with the help of W3BBB and W3IIM, were properly tallied. The winners were: President-KB3IV, V.P.-WB3CMM, Treasurer-W3IIN (watch it Buster, it's your turn to feel the heat now), Secretary-WB3KDJ, (and his nasty Apple) Directors-W3AA (The February Director's Meeting will be held at Hal's winter home. See Mr. Fox for your airline tickets) and N3ADI. John certified the results. (If John says it's right, it's right!) Right? - W3SRU reported that the Franklin Institute will not be available for the January 3rd, 1983 General Meeting. Alternate arrangements are being explored (Gil wanted the Playboy Club, but KB3IV is allergic to rabbits) and will be announced. Gil adjourned the meeting at 9:30. Refreshments, provided by several of the club member's wives, were served. Thanks to each of them and to Elaine Spencer (For those who don't know Elaine, she's Rick Spencer's mother) for her very fine job of coordinating.

DECEMBER 1982 - DIRECTORS' MEETING

The final Directors' Meeting of 1982 was held on Wednesday, December 15th, at the home of W3's IIM and IIN. Gil (doing his "Swan Song") attempted (so he said) to start the formalities at exactly eight o'clock. However, due to the late arrival of yours truly, the meeting got underway at the normal time of 8:15. Our hostess provided El Prez with a whistle, which he used liberally throughout the evening, to keep the crowd in order; and himself awake. - In attendance were: W3's-SGR, SRU, BBB, VVS, UY, GIF, AWG, AWH, GQD, PXY, AA; KB3IV, K3GBA, N3ADI, KC2HX, AK2I and WB3KOH. - The minutes of the December General Meeting were read and approved. - KB3IV gave his final comic book reading. (Since he reported more income than expenses, no one challenged him) - A discussion, concerning the publishing of ALL Net Control Schedules in the Blurb, resulted in the reaffirmation of this policy. Woody will again be asked (They are really serious this time, Woody) to include the complete schedule in each issue. - W3IIN introduced the application for membership of KI3J, John Christopher. The Board approved him for

membership. (Welcome to Phil-Mont, John) - Jinny informed the group that W3IFQ is donating, (Do you need a receipt for the IRS, Marty?) gold stamped, certificate folders. These can be used both for new member and special presentation certificates. (They are very nice looking - Thanks Marty) - W3SRU asked for a Repeater Committee Report, BBB deferred to W3AWH. After a short discourse, John mentioned that HIS committee will meet and make recommendations for repeater improvements. At this point, KB3IV (This man goes where Lions fear to tread) pointed out that W3AWH was not and is not, a member of the Repeater Committee. John, unruffled, continued with his oration. (Can a president be impeached prior to taking office?) - It was decided, due to the Franklin Institute's Holiday closing, → that the JANUARY GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY → 5th, at the Franklin Institute. - The Mid-Month schedule for 1983 was formulated. February, March and June are still open. Anyone wishing to have the meeting in those months, please contact KB3IV. (or his successor) When finalized, the complete schedule will be published. The January Mid-month will be at the home of W3SRU. - Gil thanked the outgoing officers for their help and received a round of applause for a job well done. - The meeting was adjourned at 9:20. Excellent, seasonal type, refreshments (HIC) were served. Many thanks to our hosts Jack and Jinny. A video tape of the Phil-Mont film, "Every Single Minute," was shown to the group. This tape, originally shown on Cheltenham Cable TV, (probably at 4 A.M.) featured BBB in his first starring role. A rumor is circulating that after Jim's TV debut, 300 people cancelled their cable service.

Respectfully Submitted
 Donald B. Gordon - WB3KQJ
 Secretary



(On behalf of all of our far-sighted members, Apple and I would like to thank W3PST for the extra space. Gone forever is the extracondensed type face.)

KB3IV announces the following
Committee appointments for 1983.
Chairpersons are indicated by an *.
All members are encouraged to join
any committee in which they are
interested.



Budget/Audit Committee

W3AWH*

W3BBB	K3GNM
W3UY	W3D\$G
W3ZPP	W3IIN
	KB3IV

Standing Committees

BLURB	W3PST*
Budget/Audit	W3AWH*
Certificates/Awards	K3KUD*, AK2I, W3IIN
Directory	W3AWH*, WB3KOJ, W3GIF
DX Corner	N3ADI*, WB3KAC
Judge of Elections	W3AWH*
Membership	W3IIN*, W3AWG
MOCOM V	W3BBB*, WB3RICK
Net Control	WB3CMM*
Photographer	W3IIM*, K3GBA, WB3JUA
Program	WB3CMM*, AK2I, W3GQD
Publicity	AK2I*, WB3KOJ, W3AWH
Raffle/Prizes	WB3CMM*, N3ALW, K3RTR
Refreshments	W3PWG, K3RTR, KA3AMO
Repeater/Technical	W3BBB*, W3RM, K3GNM, N3WW
Social Events	W3IIM*, W3SRU, W3WXC, W3IGW
Special Events	W3SRU*, W3BBB, N3ALW, W3LKI
W3TKQ	W3AWH*, N3ADI, WB3KAC, AK2I
Welcoming	W3VVS*, KC2HX

Net Control Committee

WB3CMM*

W3AWH	75m
N3WW	80m
K3GBA	10m AM
WB3KAC	10m SSB
W3ZPP	2m

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Our own K3KUD, Bob, sends along the following -

AMATEUR RADIO WILL BE OPERATED FROM THE SPACE SHUTTLE COLUMBIA. Astronaut Dr. Owen Garriott, W5LFL has been granted tentative permission from NASA to use 2 meter FM from the orbiter during the STS-9 mission, scheduled for October of 1983. Present plans call for Garriott to use a low power rig such as a handy talky or a "black box" constructed in the ARRL Lab. The radio will be required to meet the rigid specifications of the shuttle as determined by NASA.

ARRL President Vic Clark, W4KFC is personally overseeing the project for the League and it is expected that all coordination for the Amateur portion of the STS-9 mission will be handled through Bernard Glassmeyer, W9KDR, its Satellite Coordinator. AMSAT is also expected to play a significant role as well.

Garriott's Amateur operation from Columbia will be limited to the lower two Megahertz of the band in the interest of making this a world-wide good will mission, and to avoid "20 meter type" pile-ups on U.S. and Canadian repeater systems. The exact frequencies that will be used, as well as the proper procedure to work the spacecraft will be announced later. To avoid confusion and pile-ups, several ideas are being considered, including the designation of specific repeaters around the world to act as "gateway" stations through which all QSO's will be coordinated.

The "approvals" for this first manned space Amateur experiment have been okayed by NASA in Houston and only await a final "green light" from Washington. Credit for this "first" belongs to the ARRL, along with Garriott and NBC Network news Correspondent Roy Neal, K6DUE.

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Now that the hunting season is over, no doubt you've heard about AK2I and one of his compatriots who followed tracks for over twenty miles before they shot the lights out of a caboose.

Some more F Y I

N3AVE has started to organize a bus trip to the Dayton Hamvention. If you are interested, you are urged to get in touch with Stan. So far, the package starts 28 Apr to 1 May 1983. At the moment, it is in the planning stage, so details like departure point, etc., have yet to be selected. Please contact Stan on (215) 482-7272, 482-1920, 487-3330.

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W3TKQ is now equipped with the latest CallBook. The lads will be very happy to check on an address for you, just give them a call. de W3PWG

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PHIL - MONT 'S C A L E N D A R for J A N U A R Y

- 01 H A P P Y N E W Y E A R !
02 W3AWG is the NCS on 2m
03 NOOoooo MEEeeeeeteeenng!!! See 65
05 Regular, Regular? Anyway, due to the holidays, the Institute has requested,(requested?) that we change our meeting date to Wednesday, otherwise same time, same place, and the program is the result of some changes that were made last month. Come on down!
09 W3ZPP happens to be the NCS for the 2m net.
16 N3AVE " " " " " " " " " "
19 As part of his SwanSong, W3SRU plays host for our January Directors' Meeting, also, material for the BLURB is due. And speaking of due, make that plural, Dues are DUE!
23 WA3INW is another NCS for 2m.
30 Somehow, W3BBB is to be the 2m NCS, Good Luck, Jim!
31 " " " " " " host for yet another BLURB Committee Meeting, or is it WB3RICK, anyways, same time, same place, guys.

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The following was stolen from the Keystone State Ham News - -

Columbus ham Dan Large, N8ETV, was driving down the freeway with his cruise control set at 55, talking on his 2 meter rig, when an Ohio highway patrol car pulled him over with blinking lights. To Don's surprise, the officer informed him that he was clocked at 68 m.p.h. After receiving the ticket, Dan explained to the officer the circumstances under which he was driving and asked if he would like to see a demonstration. The officer agreed. With the trooper beside him, Dan set the cruise control at 55 m.p.h. He was also clocked at 55. Then with a signal to the officer he began xmitting on 147.24. The officer was amazed to see the RADAR readout suddenly at 68 m.p.h!

After the test, the officer voided the ticket and made out a special report. It seems that the signal from Dan's 2 meter rig overloaded the highway patrol's RADAR receiving unit, causing the speed calculation to be inaccurate. The moral of this story? If you're ever stopped for speeding but you're not--but are transmitting on 2 meters, keep your head like fellow ham Dan Large, N8ETV.

For you 2 meter DX hounds, a new repeater is in operation in the Kittanning area on 145.41 mhz.

CB Deregulation

The FCC, in another budget-cutting move, has adopted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that, if enacted, would enable the Commission to stop issuing individual licenses in the Citizens Band Radio Service. Citizens Band will instead be handled under "blanket authorization." FCC estimates it will save \$360,000 and 68,000 hours of work each year under this plan. This action, which at press time has not been assigned a Docket number, will have no direct impact on the Amateur Radio Service.

These came from the ARRL Letter

Sonic Appeal

As we go to press, we've learned that Sonic Cable filed a response to the \$6000 Notice of Apparent Liability (fine) imposed on it by the FCC for interference to the Amateur Radio Service. See December QST (p. 67) for details. Details of the appeal are not yet available. We'll keep you updated on this one as it develops.

10-Year Proposal Filed

The ARRL filed a petition for rulemaking on November 30 requesting the FCC to exercise its new authority to issue 10-year Amateur licenses (Vol. 1, No. 3). No RM number has been assigned to the petition at press time.

If you've ever wondered why you couldn't get that special callsign, read the following as swiped from the W5YI Report - - -

THE AMATEUR CALL SIGN SCANDAL OF 1976...

There is no doubt that the present call sign assignment system was adopted not only to reduce costs, but to reduce the FCC temptation to assign calls not in keeping with the system. There were many documented cases where highly placed FCC Washington officials flagged certain call signs to be issued to individuals who were believed to be of "such caliber as they might lend prestige to the Amateur Radio Service." Prominent amateurs, electronics manufacturers, friends, FCC employees, industrialists.... even an ambassador got "special consideration"... and special ham call signs. It should be pointed out that this was an unwritten policy of many years standing.... even decades! It is also the policy of most foreign governments to this day.

Everything would probably had been all right had the FCC's Chief of their Gettysburg licensing facility not been persuaded to "sell" amateur call signs at \$100 a whack and upgrade amateurs without taking the required examination. Investigation by the FBI on June 14, 1976, indicated that a local handicapped amateur, Robert W. Kirkham (W3BZU and K9APH) of Indianapolis was arranging for the improper issuance of amateur licenses through one Richard C. Ziegler, the Chief of Gettysburg's Special Licensing Section. Kirkham admitted "receiving money, goods or services in exchange for these favors." Kirkham had met Ziegler in 1964 when he stopped by Gettysburg to renew his license. In 1972, Ziegler agreed to upgrade Kirkham's amateur license and those of "worthy" friends without examination as a favor to Kirkham.

After reviewing in the Call Book what he felt had to be improper call sign issuance by the government, another amateur (John R. Sheller, WA8ZDF, a Columbus, Ohio, Dentist) conspired with Richard Ziegler (and paid \$100) to obtain the call sign, K8RZ. Shortly after that point, Ziegler went in the "call sign sales business" and had payments sent to a special post office box in exchange for specific call sign assignments. Ziegler was prosecuted in 1977 by the government and sent to prison. It wasn't long after that the FCC started working on a new system of assigning Amateur call signs. The result was the current "Amateur Station Call Sign Assignment System" released in early 1978.

from the back seat - - -

It has been brought to our attention, via the grapevine, about some objections to a recent guest editorial. It was run because it sounded controversial, so it was hoped it would generate some feedback (another article or two for your BLURB). But, alas and alack, the objections were not that strong for anyone to take the time to sit down and reduce it to the written word. SOooo, permit me.

I sincerely believe that when two or three (or more) gather together in an honorable and enjoyable undertaking in the name of Phil-Mont, they should be praised and encouraged, not criticized or ridiculed, nor should their ideas and plans be condemned. ("Let's settle this once and for all!" "For all" is a l-o-n-g time.) If an idea is to be perpetuated, it will live forever, naturally. But, if it does not, let it die, naturally, in peace, don't bury it alive. We've had some great "Socials" in the past. Some of my fondest memories are of two or three of Phil-Mont's "Ladies' Night"s. Although I didn't participate very much I thought the Bowling Parties were going on forever. But these also passed on quietly and peacefully, without fanfare. So, to SRU and ZPP and whoever else helped, don't let D\$G bury you alive. Anything that is a labor of love (see previous editorial) can't be all bad. de w3pst
Many things got messed up, mixed up and misplaced concerning the past three months' BLURB, not the least of which was "Sam's Corner." I won't offer any excuses just my sincerest apologies to Sam, and, of course, the membership. This is a first, but, it had to happen, maybe.

Sam's CORNER

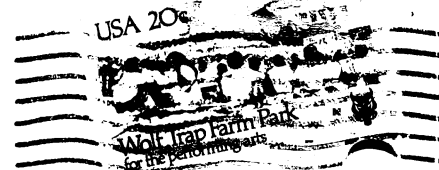
MY BEST WISHES TO ALL OF Philmont
TO THE 'OLD FRIENDS' AND THOSE I HAVE
YET TO MEET... MAY THE HOLIDAYS BE THE
GREATEST, AND THE NEW YEAR THE BEST
ONE YET! Sam



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